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C O N F I D E N T I A L ISTANBUL 1835

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, TU

SUBJECT: MINORITIES IN ISTANBUL: BALKAN KARAKACHAN

REF: STATE 123394

1. CONGEN REGRETS DELAY IN RESPONDING TO REFTEL BUT HAS HAD DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING INFORMATION ON SUBJECT GROUP. WE BELIEVE THIS MAY BE THE BALKAN KARAKACHAN RATHER THAN "BALKAR KARACHAI" AS CITED IN REFTEL. THEY ARE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME PEOPLE AS THE "YURUKS", A NOMADIC GROUP OF TURKISH MUSLIMS, WHO MOVE WITH THEIR HERDS OF CATTLE IN TURKEY'S EASTERN AND CENTRAL ANATOLIAN AREA. KARAKACHAN IS APPARENTLY THE ANME BY WHICH THE BALKAN "YURUKS" ARE KNOWN IN BULGARIA AND OTHER BALKAN COUNTRIES, WHERE THEY LIVED AND PERHAPS STILL DO AS NOMADS.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP HAVE SETTLED IN SMALL NUMBERS IN THE ISTANBUL AREA. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON ALLEGATIONS THAT THEY ARE BEING HARRASSED BY SOVIET AGENTS. WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE THAT KGB COULD IN TURKEY DIRECT SUCH ACTIVITY AGAINST KARAKACHAN, BUT THERE IS, OF COURSE, POSSIBILITY THAT THEY MAY HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY THE SOVIETS. CONSULATE GENERAL WILL BE ALERT TO ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON SUBJECT, AND WILL REPORT PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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